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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN VISA RECIPROCITY

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1. AFGHANISTAN DOES NOT SEEM TO BE A COUNTRY TO WHICH AMCITS IN SEARCH OF FORMAL EDUCATION ARE DRAWN. A QUICK SURVEY, INCLUDING INQUIRIES AT AMERICAN SCHOOL, FAILED TO UNEARTH AMCITS IN AFGHANISTAN AS MATRICULATED STUDENTS WHO WERE NOT DEPENDENTS OF US MISSION, UN, OR OTHER ASSISTANCE ACTIVITY EMPLOYEES AND THUS BENEFICIARIES OF PARENT'S OFFICIAL OR QUASI-OFFICIAL STATUS. NOT HAVING FOUND PRIVATE AMCIT STUDENTS IN AFGHANISTAN FROM WHOM WE MIGHT DETERMINE IF A STUDENT VISA FEE COLLECTED, IT APPEARS BEST TO REPLY ON MFA VISA PASSPORT AND VISA OFFICE DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT THAT IN SPIRIT OF RECIPROCITY AFGHAN STUDENTS ON REGULAR PASSPORTS SHOULD BE CHARGED SEVEN DOLLAR VISA FEE.

2. ON RELATED MATTER, GOA VISA FEE IS LEVIED ON PASSPORTS, NOT NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS INCLUDED IN PASSPORT. CONSEQUENTLY

NOTATION UNDER SCHEDULE OF AFGHAN NIV FEES (APPENDIX C, PART IV, 9 FAM) INDICATING QUOTE SINGLE FEE REGARDLESS OF NUMBER OF PERSONS INCLUDED IN PASSPORT UNQUOTE APPROPRIATE.
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